

**Congress of the United States**  
**House of Representatives**  
Washington, DC 20515

April 18, 2023

Mr. Stuart Delery  
White House Counsel  
1600 Pennsylvania Avenue, NW  
Washington, DC 20500

Dear Mr. Delery:

We write extremely concerned about reports that President Biden is considering bringing hundreds of social media influencers, including those who use the Chinese Communist Party's (CCP) affiliated TikTok, into the White House to promote his agenda. As you know, TikTok is owned by ByteDance which is ultimately controlled by the CCP. This poses a serious national security threat at an increasingly dangerous time as China continues its military aggression towards Taiwan and economic coercion across the globe.

Recent reports state that the White House is also considering "a dedicated White House briefing space for [TikTok] influencers to meet in person."<sup>1</sup> This extremely irresponsible action is a blatant and severe national security threat that will only empower the espionage efforts of one of our greatest adversaries. China has already infiltrated multiple facets of our society. This infiltration is largely due to TikTok, which the CCP has utilized to surveil and access data for over 140 million Americans. The fact that this Administration is even considering this is alarming and sends the wrong message to our adversaries.

The Biden Administration's position to welcome these influencers into the White House also is in direct contradiction to the numerous calls from elected officials for the app to be banned. It is abundantly clear that TikTok is a national security issue.<sup>2</sup> We should approach the app with extreme caution and with strong policies, and we should not parade these individuals into the White House and give them briefing space next to the Oval Office – essentially inviting and promoting CCP infiltration into one of our most restricted spaces.

For these reasons, we strongly encourage your office, in coordination with the Defense Department and Federal Communications Commission, oppose this effort from the White House and stop this before it happens. We also request a response back to this letter outlining how your office will investigate this matter and ensure we are protected no later than April 28, 2023.

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<sup>1</sup> Biden's digital strategy: an army of influencers

<https://www.axios.com/2023/04/09/bidens-digital-strategy-an-army-of-influencers>

<sup>2</sup> CBS anchor laughs at Biden spox's excuse for his appearance on TikTok: He was 'filmed on government property!'

<https://www.foxnews.com/media/cbs-anchor-laughs-biden-spoxs-excuse-appearance-tiktok-filmed-government-property>

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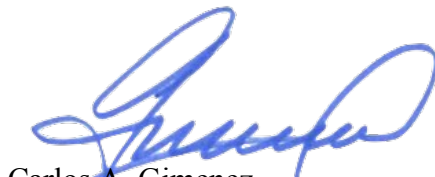
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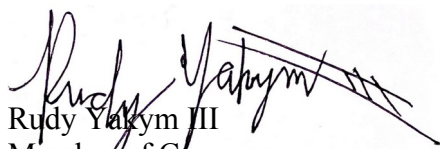
  
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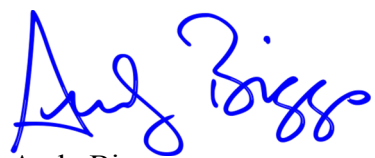
  
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Andy Biggs  
Member of Congress